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# AVOCADOS

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 1999-2000 season is 900,000 bushels. This is near the 891,000 bushels shipped last season and below the previous two seasons. Although varying within the season, shipments for these seasons have been near constant.

Summer varieties are lighter set than last season and shipments through July are slightly less. Demand and quality are reported excellent. Fall and winter varieties are reported heavier set.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1995 and earlier) are estimated at 5,900. Trees planted since the storm in 1992 are bearing increasing amounts of fruit.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments through July total 4,291,000 bushel equivalents, less than the 5,270,000 of the previous season to the same date. Three months remain in the marketing season with the total crop expected to be 5,018,000 bushel equivalents, about 18 percent less than last season's 6,098,000 bushel equivalents.

**FLORIDA:** Certified shipments of avocados, 1999-2000 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1989-90	150,100	1,149,900	1,300,000
1990-91	128,500	623,500	752,000
1991-92	199,400	911,600	1,111,000
1992-93	133,100	150,900	284,000
1993-94	3,100	171,900	175,000
1994-95	92,800	686,200	779,000
1995-96	92,200	651,800	744,000
1996-97	123,400	794,600	918,000
1997-98	230,800	707,200	938,000
1998-99	163,800	727,200	891,000
Estimated:			
1999-00	159,600	740,400	900,000

**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated avocado shipments, 1998-99 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1997-98 season	1998-99 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	93,000	103,000	3,000	106,000
Hass	5,376,000	3,789,000	653,000	4,442,000
Other	629,000	399,000	71,000	470,000
Total	6,098,000	4,291,000	727,000	5,018,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.